

July 30, 2010

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**
Connect America Fund - WC Docket No. 10-90;
A National Broadband Plan for Our Future - GN Docket No. 09-51;
High-Cost Universal Service Support - WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 28, 2010, Douglas Minster, Vice President - Government and Regulatory Affairs for Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. (ATN); Lou Tomasetti - CEO of Commnet Wireless, LLC (Commnet), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ATN; and the undersigned, counsel to ATN, met with Geoffrey Blackwell, Dan Rumelt, and Lauren Kravetz, all of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau; and Stacy Ferraro of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, to brief them on Commnet's initiatives on Tribal lands throughout the western and southwestern areas of the United States.

The representatives noted that Commnet could do more in underserved and unserved areas if universal service reform measures: (1) recognize the capabilities of wholesale carriers; (2) consider separately tribal and territorial areas and (3) support includes areas with very few "resident pops." (See attachment)

The representatives noted their willingness to work with the Commission and other governmental entities on tribal telecommunications initiatives and tribal health service programs.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office.

Yours very truly,

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Attachment

cc: Geoffrey Blackwell
Dan Rumelt
Lauren Kravetz
Stacy Ferraro

Action Items

Commnet can do more if . . .

- **Spectrum is more readily available in these remote areas**
- **USF Reform efforts resolve current shortcomings of the program, e.g.,**
 - Lack of support for wholesale carriers (those without “subscribers”)
 - Separate consideration for tribal lands and territorial areas
 - Support includes areas in which there are very few “resident pops”
 - Data support
- **We can work with FCC, and other USG entities, on Indian Telecommunications Initiatives and Indian Health Service programs**